

REMARKS

The Office Action notes that there are two claim 15's present in the application. The second "Claim 15", found in the listing of claims submitted in conjunction with the Preliminary Amendment filed on December 22, 2003, is an exact duplicate of the first "Claim 15" as is the result of a copying error. As such, the second repetition of Claim 15 has been removed in the current listing of claims.

The Restriction Requirement states that Applicant is required to elect a single species for prosecution on the merits:

Species A: Figures 1-6

Species B: Figures 7-8


Species C: Figures 9-10

Applicant hereby elects Species A, comprising Figures 1-6. Claims 1-13 are readable thereon with claims 1-9 being generic to all species. Further, Applicant respectfully traverses on the grounds that searching each species would not be unduly burdensome.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Todd W. Galinski at (336) 607-7448, to discuss any matter relating to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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